

Remarks

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner:

(1) rejected claim 1 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 16 and 18-25 of U.S. Patent No. 6,675,032; and

(2) rejected claim 1 on the ground on nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,690,960.

In response to Items 1 and 2 above, Applicants have amended claim 1 in order to distinguish the present invention from the inventions of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,675,032 and 6,690,960.

Applicants believe that this amendment is sufficient to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejections which are based on U.S. Patent Nos. 6,675,032 and 6,690,960.

More particularly, Applicants have amended claim 1 to add an additional element to the video-based surgical targeting system so that it now comprises at least one virtual graft for insertion into the 2-D images contained in the patient specific database and/or the 3-D computer model.

Accordingly, claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

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Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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